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SUBJECT: MALTA--INTEREST IN PURCHASING BUTTER FROM U. S. STOCKS

REF: ROME 10726, 5/5/81 (TOFAS 191)

1. RECENT ARTICLES IN NEWSPAPERS HERE HAVE INDICATED USG IS CONSIDERING A PROGRAM WHEREBY BUTTER HELD BY COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION (CCC) COULD BE SOLD ON COMMERCTAL BASIS FOR EXPORT. TO DATE, NO REPEAT NO SUCH PROGRAM HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED. WE ARE NOT REPEAT NOT AWARE OF ANY PROPOSAL UNDER CONSIDERATION WHEREBY U. S. BUTTER STOCKS MIGHT BE MADE WIDELY AVAILABLE ON GIFT OR CONCESSIONAL SALES BASIS.

2. MALTESE MAY HAVE HEARD OF RECENT ISOLATED CASES WHERE DAIRY PRODUCTS HELD BY CCC HAVE BEEN SOLD FOR EXPORT. THESE CASES EXIST BUT ARE VERY FEW IN NUMBER AND REFLECT SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES. EXAMPLES INCLUDE CASE OF MEXICO, NONFAT DRY MILK (NDM) WAS SOLD AT WORLD PRICES--BUT LIMITED TO SOCIAL WELFARE USES ONLY. IN CASE OF POLAND CCC'S NDM AND BUTTER WERE MADE AVAILABLE IN EFFORT TO ASSIST POLAND THROUGH PRESENT SITUATION. HAIG

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